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For: Reinforcement Member for a Bushing Tip Plate and Related Method

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect one invention. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-19, 24 Group (1) with traverse.

While Applicants agree with the Examiner that the subject matter of Groups I and II are independent and patentably distinct, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related and that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one.

Applicant requests confirmation of receipt for a previously filed Petition to Add Inventors. It was submitted on February 21, 2002.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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